recognised national/regional political party on the AIR/TV main English News Bulletin since the present Government took over;

(b) the details thereof year-wise/party-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken to give adequate coverage for the expression of opinion of opposition on AIR/TV news bulletins ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) This information *is* not kept in a centrally compiled form.

(c) The statements/speeches of various political parties are covered in the news bulletins strictly on the basis of their news value and news worthiness.

Implementation of the Prasar Bharati Act

207. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

fa) whether Government propose to hold consultations with all the concerned sections before implementing the Prasar Bharati Act;

(b) if so, by when such consultations are likely to take place and on which provisions of the Act; and

(c) by when the Prasar Bharati is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Consultations on the proposed amendments to Sections 11, 23 and 25 of the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 are likely to commence from May, 1993. No date can, however, be fixed for the issue of the notification for implementing the said Act.

T. V. Channels on Doordarshan

208. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to launch two more TV Channels on Doordarshan besides the one launched on April 1, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the time Schedule therefor; and

(c) what is the manner in which and the extent to which the viewership on these new channels would be managed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) The spare time available on the transponders of INSAT-1D and INSAT-2A, being used for the purpose of television in India is proposed to be used to maximise output in a phased manner to incorporate :—

(i) an Entertainment and Cultural Channel.

(ii) a Soprts Channel.

(iii) a Business News and Current .Affairs Channel.

(c) The satellite channels would be available for reception all over the country through appropriate dish antenna.

विद्युत उत्पादन परियोजनाओं की स्थापना के लिए सरकार के समक्ष पेश किये गये प्रस्ताव

209. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विद्युत उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में निजी क्षेत्र को अन्तर्ग्रस्त करने के बारे में सरकार द्वारा निर्णय लिये जाने के बाद विद्युत उत्पादन परियोजनाओं की स्थापना के लिए सरकार